

13 December 1955

Memorandum of Meeting

1. Mr. Houston and Mr. Paul today called on Cong. William Dawson (D., Ill.), Chairman of the House Committee on Government Operations. The purpose of this meeting was to explain to Mr. Dawson the reasons why CIA was unable to work out an arrangement whereby its total property holdings could be incorporated into the overall Government inventory which was being prepared by the Committee.

25X1

2. Mr. Houston described the efforts which had been made to



3. Cong. Dawson accepted the CIA position that for security reasons we could not incorporate our figures into the current inventory. He specifically requested, however, that we make every effort to find a method for inclusion of these figures in the next inventory, and he was assured that this would be done.

4. Mr. Houston and Mr. Paul both left with the impression that, although Mr. Dawson is presently friendly and cooperative, the Agency would be well advised to make an earnest effort to find the solution to this problem for next year's inventory. If we are not able to find a solution, in the light of assurances made, we may be in serious trouble with this Committee. It is not believed that any further contact with Mr. Dawson on this subject is necessary at the present time, either by letter from the Director or through further personal contact.

IG:NSP/blc

cc - DD/S

IG

GC

Comptroller (Att: [redacted])

Norman S. Paul
Legislative Counsel

25X1A